



# COMMISSION ON INSURANCE

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### MINUTES

Meeting of May 21, 2009  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Room 374-A  
500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Commissioners Present:** Scott J. Svonkin, Helene S. Lohr, LUTCF,  
Bob L. Blake, Barry Binder, Luther W. Nash, Daniel Falcon, Glenn S. Brown, J.D.

**Commissioners Absent:** Patricia Torres, Esq., Steve Vicencia, CPCU and  
William K. Callagy

### CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of a quorum, Chairperson Svonkin called the meeting to order as  
a Committee of the Whole at 10:11 a.m.

(Vice-Chairperson Falcon joined the meeting at 10:19 a.m.)

There being a quorum, Chairperson Svonkin called the meeting to order at 10:21  
a.m.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Chairperson Svonkin.

### APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Binder seconded by Commissioner Blake and  
unanimously carried, the March 19, 2009 meeting minutes were approved.

### CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Svonkin reported the following:

- Introduced newly appointed Commissioner Luther W. Nash. Commissioner Nash provided a brief background on his qualifications and employment history.

- Chairperson Svonkin requested the Commission to adjourn the meeting in memory of Si Frumkin. Staff was directed to forward a letter of condolence on behalf of the Commission to Mrs. Frumkin.
- Chairperson Svonkin directed staff to request permission from the Board of Supervisors to conduct a press conference on how to be ready for a fire or disaster.
- Chairperson Svonkin directed staff to schedule a meeting for June 25, 2009 to review and approve Federal and State Legislations regarding "Health Care Insurance". Additionally, he would like to recognize former Commissioner Michael Cheung for his years of service on the Commission.

**GUEST SPEAKER - WILLIAM CASWELL, SR. VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, KAISER PERMANENTE:**

Chairperson Svonkin introduced and welcomed Mr. William Caswell. Mr. Caswell gave a brief overview of the following:

**Kaiser Permanente Health Care Reform Vision:**

- Universal Access to high-quality, affordable care is imperative. However, if we truly want to repair the broken US health care system, a broader focus than increasing access and how to finance it is needed.
- Reform how care is delivered and paid for. As a nation, we need to improve health care access, reduce costs and ensure quality care for all.
- In addition, health care reform should address the root causes of poor health, by promoting public health programs, community health services and workplace efforts to support healthier lifestyles.

**Kaiser Permanente Health Care Reform Principles:**

- Universal coverage without regard to an individual's health status or pre-existing conditions, accompanied by an individual mandate to spread risk and provide the most affordable rates for individuals.
- Broad coverage that enables individuals to obtain needed care and participate in preventive services

- Individual choice of health care providers, plans and accountable delivery systems.

(Commissioner Brown joined the meeting at 10:38 a.m.)

**Transforming Care Through Innovation;** Kaiser Permanente Southern California, ranked #2 in the nation has:

- 3.28 Million Members
- 13 Hospitals
- More than 120 Medical Office Building
- 55,000 Employees
- 6,500 Physicians
- 22.7 Million Prescriptions Filled
- Full implementation of electronic medical record in all hospitals and medical office buildings
- Kaiser Permanente has a 3-year partnership with the Trust for Public partnership with the trust for public land to create parks and fitness zones in low-income neighborhoods. Five fitness zones have been installed so far in five Los Angeles County Parks. Mr. Caswell further stated that Kaiser Permanente has launched an advertising campaign called “Thrive”, which emphasizes a health message for the community.

**GUEST SPEAKER – KEITH HARRISON, LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

Chairperson Svonkin introduced and welcomed Mr. Keith Harrison. Mr. Harrison gave a brief overview of the following:

- County Code 2.68 which defines role of County Board of Supervisors; Establishes the Emergency Management Council (EMC) as policy board; Designates the Sheriff as the Director of Emergency Operations (Response); Designates the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) as the Director of Emergency Recovery Operations and Establishes the County Office of Emergency Management (OEM).
- Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is responsible for organizing and directing preparedness efforts of the Emergency Management Organization of Los Angeles County. In addition, OEM is the day-to-day Los Angeles County Operational Area coordinator for the entire geographic area of the County.

- The County is divided into 8 disaster areas. Each area has a Disaster Management Area Coordinator (DMAC) assigned. Four DMAC are full time jobs. Fours areas have DMAC as an additional duty for a city Emergency Services Coordinator. DMACs assist cities respond and recover from a disaster and assist cities plan and prepare for disasters.
- Emergency Proclamations and Declarations; Local Emergency Proclamation; State of Emergency Proclamation; State of War Emergency Proclamation; Emergency Declaration (Federal) and Major Disaster Declaration (Federal).
- Public Sector Assistance: California Disaster Assistance Act (State); Stafford Act (Federal); State and local Cost Share; Federal State and Local Share; Independent Agency Programs and Special Legislation.

#### Recovery Planning

##### Physical Recovery:

- Upgrading infrastructure and utilities.
- Removing debris and managing disposal sites and improving infrastructure roads, and housing.

##### Governmental Recovery:

- Continuing governmental functions.
- Managing donations, and addressing community questions about health consequences.

##### Social Recovery:

- Promoting community participation.
- Providing mental health services and restoring public health services.

##### Economic Recovery:

- Addressing economic losses of the community.
- Identify available working capital and promoting business in damaged areas.

- Local Assistance Center is a “One Stop Shop” for recovery information coordinated by Office of Emergency Management in cooperation with Board of Supervisors and participating agencies.

Chairperson Svonkin thanked Mr. William Caswell and Mr. Keith Harrison for their Informative presentations.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**MATTERS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Brown reported that he was appointed to the California Insurance Guarantee Association (CIGA) on May 20, 2009. Commissioner Brown was appointed by Speaker of the Assembly, the Honorable Karen Bass.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business and without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Staff**

Twila P. Kerr, Board of Supervisors  
Mireya Rivera, Board of Supervisors

**Guest(s)**

William Caswell, Senior Vice President and Chief of Operations, Kaiser Permanente

Rita Lynch Speck, Government and Community Relations Public Affairs,  
Kaiser Permanente

Keith Harrison, Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management